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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2002 be extended for a period of 5 month(s) from September 22, 2002 to and including February 22, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1970.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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